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F O R E W O R D

The writers were Joseph (born 1793, died after 1870) and Nathaniel (b. about 1796, d. 1881), brothers of my grandfather William Carrothers (b. 1798, d. 1883).

They were born at Farnagh, near Lisbellaw, County Fermanagh, Ireland, a townland of about 26 Irish acres, to which their grandfather Edward (b. 1723, d. about 1800) removed from the nearby townland of Bracky in 1769. He secured a lease of it from Lord Bellisle in 1770.

Edward's son William (b. 1755, d. 1836) was the father of the writers. Nathaniel went to Canada about 1835, and Joseph in 1847.

These letters home, mostly sent from Westminster, near London, Ontario, are all that are known to exist, and are given without any omissions or alterations.

It is primarily to meet the wishes of some friends and kinsfolk in Canada and in Ireland that I have had copies made.

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JOSEPH CARROTHERS.

NATHANIEL CARROTHERS.

FARNAGH IN 1917.

London December 25th 1839

Dear Brother,

I take this favour of writing to you letting you know we are all well thank god for all his merces; with every expectation this may find you and Mrs and Children and all my friends in like maner; I received your letter brought out by Mr. Bredon for which I feel greatful to you for the information it contained both of your own circumstances and the many changes that has tacken place in many of my my old acquaintances but I greatly fear that so large a some of money as you have to make up yearley will be to many for you I pray the lord to prosper you in all your under tackings We have had a fine summer and a plentyful harvast provisions of all kinds in abundance flower is worth 15S per hundred pork from 25S to 30S per hundred beef much the same potatoes 2S per bushel butter from 7d to 9d per pound all in your money hay is very Dear in this place it has been sold at 3f per ton this is owing to so many miletery been in this place we have the 73 and 85 Regments each a bout 700 strong and a Compney of horse artillery of 60 men and 60 horses besides 100 volintere Cavlery as I mentioned in my last letter that the goverment was bilding very large barrickes in London the are nearley complate the bildings and yards occupy 20 acres of ground the are enclosed with a picket fence of ceder timber cut in 12 foot lenth each pice from 6 to 10 inches in diamiter A trinch being dug 4 foot deep the were sharpt at the top and set in the trinch as close as the could stand so the stood 8 foot above the surface this made a good fence I still am working at the bildings Carpenters has 6S-3d per day in the summer and 5S in the winter or 10S Newyork Corency in the summer and 8S in the winter bisnes of every kind is good London is nearley as large again as when I came to it I still am well pleased with this country and with this part of it as I am sure there is no better in it the climate good and land of a most excellant quality and I may say I never wrote anything of this country but the truth and I am sorry at nothing so much as that I did not come sooner to it Thomas and I has bought 200 acres there is not better land in the manner of Carrick Thomas and Sammuel is living on his farm they have above 20 acres cleared and stock in proporsion Mark and brothers has 200 acres more the are doing well the have cleared 50 acres the sowed 13 acres of wheat this harvest the are all well and is a bout writing home and the will spake for them selves the manner of cleering the land you have hard so often that I need not say any thing of it

I have got 5 acres cleared this harvest and sown in wheat the farmer is the most independant in this country as the can have everything with in them selves to make life comfertible the make their own soap and candles and sugar in abundance Thomas made 400 weight of sugar last spring it was as good aquality as 8d or 9d sugar the mapel from which this is extracted is in abundance in this part of the country; the make sugar trakel beer and vinegar out of the mapel in abundance the make those in the spring from this tree and in the harvest cut it down and take out of it 50 or an 100 wheight of honey if it happens to be an hollow tree where bees can hive this is not an uncomon case as the are plenty in the woods bees do thrive and multiply in this country far better than with youes I have counted 73 hives at a farmers place the honey is not so well tasted as with yous I think it is owing to the wild state of the country all is pace and quitenes this winter as yet and there is every prospect of this country becoming far better than ever it was; there dos arong nosion of this country prevail with yous that is that a person coming to this country 15 or 20 years ago had a much beter chance of doing well than those coming now I say the had not near so good the had many dffulcultyes to encounter which has pased by I have had a slight tuch of ague in september last but is quite well this distemper alltho avery bad one is looked on much as the tooth acke for harley any dies with it James Stuart wrought in this place last spring and was macking money fast till June when he went to godrich and got married to a doughter of Robert bacoms and I hear he is working in the same hous with him he coud have saved money fast here; shomking is a good trade here and I fear he has ingered his futuer prosperity like others of the fameley by to earley a marage I had a letter from Robert Carr-others he is still in the State of Ohio and spakes of coming here Mathew is in this provence about 60 miles from here and I hear he has got married to a girl the name of Dane from near Churchill I had a letter from Henery Rutledge Toronto a few days ago he is in a store and the are all well and in a fare way of doing well he makes mention of Lettica Mason having got married to John Watkin he is nevew to Frank of derybrusk she is his third wife the masons had gon a year ago to the states and he went after hur and got married and returned to toronto Alixander was coming with hur flitting through the state of Ohio with the intension of stoping and took ill in the City of Cleveland and died in a few dayes with out one he ever saw near him he died in the morning and the beried him in the after noon when he took sick he wrote to his

brothers and James folowed him but he was dead and beried some dayes before he came on to Toronto with the doleful newes;

Dear Brother Mrs Kerk speakes of coming out to this country in the spring I want you to get me some gras seed one kind I want which I dismember the name of but it is the softest and lightest of all the gras kinds I remember us to have it sown on the narrow strip of meadow below the kill the have it in many parts of the country I think Andrew mongomery can eisley get it for you only one pound of it I want let it be very Clean it is jenerly sown on bottoms so you cant mistake it; it produces very soft and light hay I want you to try the seed shopes in eniskilen if the have got any of the Italian rye grass seed and if the have get me a pound of it likewise it is sown and cultivated in england and scotland and far prelerible to any other gras; gather me allso a pound of common gras seed of your own stabel loft letting it be clean possible marking the name of each kind on the enclouser we have the timethey and rye gras here the grow well put I dont like them as the dont produce any after groth and send them by hur and you will oblige me very much; give my best rispects to my brother Josef and famely and sisters and fameley and all enquiring friends and neighbours and I remain Yours

Nathaniel Carrothers

Let me know if ever Nobel Carrothers wrote home and if he did send me the directions so I me rite to him and Robert wants to know so he may send for him to come to this part of the country so the may settle down together If you or any of my old acquaintance wants any Information of this country let me know in your next and I shall gladly give it as far as my nollage of it goes and that truly; one thing I can tell you that this is a better country for to emigrate to than the united States I am glad that I did not stop in them I have had an opportunity of conversing every week for the last three years either with English Irsh or Scosh who had been in the states and the all prefer Can-ada to them; and another strong proof of it is that a great number of the inhabetants of this part of the country is americans many of them sold large possessions in the united states and came to Canada and the are coming fast thes last six months more espasially old country peopel who has tired of their

republick goverment The goverment here has reduced the price of land you can by yieled land for eight shillings per acre and the are about macking it cheaper to encourage emigrasion and all who come can do well if it is not their own faults.

To Mrs Kirk of Maguiresbridge - I take this opportunity of letting you know that I sent you the sum of 11£ this money we gave to a merchant that was going to Newyork to to get a check on the bank of Ireland but he got one on the bank of england which he enclosed in a letter we sent with him directed to you in september last but he shoud have got 2 checkes so that we might have had two chances of sending it to you but hoping that you have received it; and thinkes well of coming out to this country in the spring by quebeck is the cheapest way. it cost Eliza 6£ to come to London for sea store plenty of oaten bread well harned and plenty of mail to make gruel; some bacon butter and eggs and a few herrings on sea is very good you need by no biscuit and for cooking you tensils you can buy them at any of the sea ports Eliza had plenty of provisions you have accuan- tance in nearley all the towns you pass trough in Canada who will give you free quarters for anight and when you come to Toronto there you will have Mr Rutlege from thence to hammilton that is 80 miels from London and land carrage there you will have to look out for the cheapest way of travling as by stage is very dear and as I am determined to bild on my ground a frame hous earley in the spring it is on the upper end of king street as you come in to London there you will find us; and may the lord god who has been our kind protector acros the reaging sea be Yours amen.

Dear Mother I am just returned from the post office and there is no letter yet as I am every day expecting an answer to my letter of September I feel verry uneasy about it for fear that it should be lost or delayed so as to prevent you of coming out this spring as we are verry anxious for you to come I think we shall send to New York and get another check and forward it to you as soon as possible, if you come this Spring I should like

you to bring me some patterns of the newest fashion Capes and Sleevs and Cloaks and Silk Bonnet pattern if you can bring some straw plat with you let it be the best half Dunstable as it is verry dear here I have seen fine Straw Bonnets sold as high as 7 Dollars and Tuscan for 12 Dollars Dress of every kind is worn the same here as with you only much richer and gayer you have always the first of the fashions as the come out from England here this has become a verry fashionable place you would see more silks worn here in one day than you would see in Maguiresbridge in your lifetime and could not tell the difference between the Lady and the Servant Girl as it is not uncommon for her to wear a Silk Cloak and Boa and Muff on her hands and her Bonnet ornamented with artifical flowers and vail and can well afford it wages is so good. I have nothing more to say to you except that if you come the worst thing you have is good enough to wear on sea Mr. Oliver and Eliza is well she has got another Daughter 28th of October last she sends their love to you and Mary Jane and the children little John is getting a fine boy he speaks quite plain Nathaniel and I desire to be remembered to all friends and acquaintance in the kindest manner particulary to Sister Mary Jane and my Brothers when you come to Montreal enquire in some of the Straw Manufactory how plat could be bought and also in Toronto no more at present but remains your affectionate Daughter

M. Carrothers

Monday 14th (1847)

Dear Brother

We are all well to the presn and bore with the journey thank God for his goodness. We are seventy miles from Derry since Saturday evening waiting to be Inspected by the Government Agent all hands busy putin the ship in sailing trim as the wind is fair expecting to sail this evening or tomorrow. We have the best ship that sailed from Derry and the best Capt. it is said by all that i have heard speak of her. Mr. Baird came with me from his office and took me through the ship and

recomended a berth to me and sisters family Capt Hancock his Agent spoke to him to do something for me as I was a decent man this was uncilicited he is a very nice man and treated me very kindly Mr and Miss Alexander recved us very kindly the evening we came to Derry and we stoped with until next evening. With respect to our Enniskillen agent Mr Primrose he has done everything agreeable to our wishes and we will be benifited by his comeing to Derry with us. I have seen a Sabbath Day past such as I never expected to see and I pray God to send us better ones it was all confusion and Drinking as the Capt was not on board there was no regularrrity, a few assembled at 12 o'clock and a man gave out a him and a good many gathered together for singing and prayers soo we have people that fears God with us. We had not time to get all the things we wanted such as Buistcake spirits wine but I have reason to think the Captain has got orders to supply me at moderate terms. Derry has left us with lighter purses. Give my respects to Docters Dane and Acheson you will likeway to Mr and Mrs Collum and to all my old Friends give respts to Mr C. Little as soon as you see him and show him this scrole as it is a Queer place to write at present

I remain Dr Brt.
Yours affectonatlly
Jos. Carrothers

To

Mr William Carrothers
Lisbellaw
Co Fermanagh
Enniskillen.

Postmarked Moville, Derry, Monaghan, Enniskillen
15/16 July 1847.

October 18th 1847

Dear Brother,

I am yet spared to send you a few lines hoping they will find you and family in good health as the leave me and family in at present thank God for his preserving mercy and care in our perilous journey which was a tedious one. We went on board on Saturday 12th June and sailed down the river that evening sd off on the 14th and after 8 weeks arrived at

Quebeck on 6th of August took the steam Boat for Montreal at 4 o'clock that evening and from thence to Hamilton. We took a team on the 12 and at 10 o'clock started for London 90 miles and reached Brothers on the 14th at 4 o'clock in the evening. Brother and cousins was rejoiced to see us all living; but on the 17th the child Margaret died been worn out on the journey and up the country in the boats and the waggon the most fatigueing of all. James was the stoutest of us we were worn to perfect weakness I was sea sick all the way, but my health is as good as ever and we are all doing well. I thank you and Mr Copeland forwarding Pauls letter it was before me Nat got it, in your answer you will let me know if any word from him since and you will let me know how the crops has done with you and if any changes in my old friends by sickness as it did prevail. Sister Jane Died at Lashine 9 miles from Montreal and Thomas Stuart Died since he came to Godrich Brother Thomas's eldest son Died 28th of last month of croop children are subject to it and it is generally fatal George Scott was sent to hospital from the ship and some others and I heard no word of him since. Our Captain was very good to the passengers, and was very kind to me and family. Brother Nathaniel and family is well so is Thomas and family and is well off. I am in a house of Thomas's. Br Samuel and family is well and is in a fine way of doing for his time, has crop and stock that I wondered to see. Next comes the Breaky cousins the are well and well settled, the are in a fine way of doing so far as the are cleared. It was good hit the left Breaky. C. Mark is well but has got no wife yet, David and family is well so is Mick and family, the have got good wives and is in a good way of Doing. C. Rebecca and husband (Wm Webster) is well, they have no children. All my friends has been friends to me, and mine. You will remember us to Mr and Mrs Tailor and Miss Armstrong. Margaret sends her word she met with friends she did not expect. Remember us to Mr Wm McMullen and all my old friends in Cloughcur and numerous friends in all the country

Rember us to Mr and Mistress and Miss Collum and to Dr Dane, let me know if he has recovered his health. Give my respects to Dr Acheson and to Mr and Mistress Michell. I hope by next month to writ to those am under promise to. Let

Robert Crawford know I parted with A Crawford in Montreal I was 7s 6d out by bringing her that far she promised to write to me but has not. Give my best respects to Mr Charles Little. As far as I have seen of this country it is very fine land but grown with immense timber. Those that is settled for some years is well off. Markets is cheap Flour is 7S shillings per hundred, beef and Mutton from 1½d to 2d per lb Butter 6d pr lb and other produce equally cheap. There is some rot in the puttatose in some places in this country this season. I stoped a month in Brother Nats until I was restored to strength and I am with a waggonmaker learning to make waggons at 20 Dollars pr month, so you see I have some of my trade to learn. I had the Yanky part of it. Next week ends my month. Let Mr. Samuel Betty know I did not travel by Toronto and I got no word of Mr Wm his Brother the letters I posted for their places. I parted with John Hilliard and family in Montreal in good health. I remain Dear Brother Yours affectionally,
Joseph Carrothers.

My plants and roots a great many of them is succeeding very well and part of the seeds I sowed is growing very well. If you can get seed of ground Ivy send me a little in the crease of your letter, paste them in the fold.

To

Mr William Carrothers
Farnaught (Lisbellaw)
Co Fermanagh
Enniskillen
Ireland.

Postmarks Enniskillen Nov 18 1847
Montreal L.C. Oct 23 1847
London U.C. 1847.

October 23rd 1848

Dear Brother,

I take this oppertunity after the lapse of another year of sending you a few lines to let you know I am stil and in good health as I have been since I arrived in this place and all my family thank God for all his kind mercies hoping the will find you and fam-

ily in the same I received your letter of answer in due time I wrote to Miss R Armstrong but received no answer and I wrote to Mr Robert McFarland as I promised to do but received no answer I have received Mr James Copeland's News papers regularly for which I am very thankfull to him for his kindness I hope he and his Fathers family is in good health as the were when he wrote the few lines give my thanks to him in the most respectfull manner, and I hope he will continue his favours, Dear Willy I have been very busy this summer building a house and I am living in it now i have a neat Cottage House 30 feet by 20 the out walls 10 feet high of mud and inside walls of Brick It is well thought of in this country (stones is very rare in this place) I have a dislike to the timber Houses the are very cold in winter and very hot in summer and the are allways sinking and twisting. I got help from Brothers and Cosins but I was Brick layer and Carpenter my self the wondered I done the fireplaces so well your Brothers Samuel Nathaniel and Thomas and families are all in good health and lives well, Cosins James and George and Families are well the made a good change you could not think the are as well their stock and crop is so good George had 3 acres of Wheat he has 200 Bushels threshed of wheat and I cannot say how much oats the crops is very abundant in this part of the Country there has been a partial rot in the putatoe crop Cosin Mark is well he is my nearest neighbour about 40 rods from House to House David and Mick and families is well Mark is the Batchelor as yet (Cousin Becky) Mrs Webster and husband is well she has no family Margaret Gr.. otherways Mrs Harper lives at Toronto and is very well off we expe Mrs Betty (Mary Graham) up to see the old friends in a few days I have been advised to not mind settling on wild land and Thomas gave me an acre of land sowed in wheat on the 5th consession (that is the name the Goverment roads has that is laid out in survey of the lands it is the principal road from the east to London) and to try to live by the trade as the prospect is good in so thriveing a township. Opposite my House a Mr Rutlege owns 200 acres of land and he gave me the liberty of it for 8 years until his son is of Age, to Clear and crop and pasture as I please for the time. I had better than half an acre of very fine pitatoes in Thomas' land. Thomas has been very clever with me, I wrote to Paul in December last but i got no answer let me know if John Clegg got any word in his letters

of him, and when he writes he will please to mention me to him and to his Uncle James and family, I gave some plants of Balm of Gilead and Annagalis to William Graham and to Miss Rebecca Collum and to Thomas Johnston you will oblige me if you will make it your business to get some of the seed of the Balm of Gilead & the Annagalis you will send them in your next letter You will fold your letter first and then open it again and rub a little paste in the crase and stick a row of the seeds in it and fold it up I have sent seeds to Paul in that way. I gave plants to Miss Armstrong you can get some of them put in to a corner of a newspaper by my Friend Mr J.C. do not neglect it; remember us to Mr and Mrs Tailor and Mrs Armstrong let me know who got Dr Dane's property and who lives in Drimmad let me know how Edward Stuart and family is and how he is doing remember us to Wm McMullin and Mr Collum and Mrs and Miss Collum let me know if any of my old acquaintances came out this last season and any Deaths that you would think I would wish to know of, let me know if Anne Crawford wrote home and where she settled for she did not write to me as she promised let me know if Mrss Betty is well, and who she got to be her neibour, Margaret wishes to know if her Aunt Tailor is living let Mr Hugh Lunny of Cloone know I am living and well remeer us to Mr and Mrss Thomas Betty and all my old friends - this is a very fine country for all kinds of grain crop the Old settlers is very well to live the only thing against the Farmer he has a cheap market to sell his produce in but he dose not want much money; when he has got his Deed there is no further demand of him only a small tax once a year wheat is from 2s 6d to 3s sterling pr Bushel of 60 pounds putatose 2d pr stone (but the are sold by the Bushel) Apples 6d pr Bushel and peaches 2s 6d pr Bushel this has been a fine fruit year there is a kind of cherry in the woods that bear fruit in like manner as the currants the grow very large trees from 2 to 3 feet thick and upward of 60 feet high and quite strait, the timber is beautiful and very durable Flower 2 Dollars pr hundred of 100 pounds beef 1d to 1½d pr pound Mutton the same, all the money is counted York money or Currancy money Currancy money is the the lawful money of the country that is one pound stn is one pound five Currancy one shilling stn is 15d currancy four Englus is one Dollar and is \$ Currancy (Hallifax) our 6d is a York shilling (York Currancy) Dear Brother answer this letter as soon as it comes to hand and let me know how you are able to meet the demands that is on you for I know the

must be Great Margaret and the boys join me in
love to you and your partner and children

I remain your affectionate brother
Joseph Carrothers.

To

Mr William Carrothers
Farnagh (Lisbellaw)
County Fermanagh
Enniskillen
Ireland

1/2 stg.

Postmarks London U.C. Oct 23 1848
Enniskillen Nov 22 1848

February 19th 1852

Dear Brother

Once more I am spared to send you a few lines hoping they will find you in Good health as they leave me and the family in at present thanks be to God for all his kind mercies to us. Dear Willy I received no letter from you since I received your letter of May last together with Mr Copelands which I answered immediately after. I have received no papers from Mr Jas Copeland since June last I hope he is still living and well and all the family give my respects to them. I had a letter from Paul before Christmas last from the Town of San Francisco in California he was well at that time but he had fever in the summer (Panama fever) I hear his health will be bad in the country.

He says it is a good place for making money if he gets his health. Labourers wages from 4 to 5 Dollars pr Day, Carpenters from 6 to 8 Dollars pr Day, Masons from 8 to 10 Dollars pr Day. He says the mines did not do well last summer for want of rain, they had no water for washing out the gold. I wrote to him to come to this country. We have the coldest winter that has been this Twenty years, the 15-16-17 of December last and the 17-18-19-20 of January and the last three Days of This month they were in the

extreme. The people like deep snow for it gives good slaeing and the drive like fury with all kinds of lod- ing. Our markets is very cheap, wheat from 1s 6d to 2s 3d pr Bushel of 60 pounds puttatoes is the dearest of our crop the are 2s pr Bushel. The rotted last July very like what I seen in Ireland. All provisions is equally cheap. All your brothers and families are well and so is your cosins. George is the only one in a delicate state he is broke down by his former hard labour. I am told George Stuart has got married at Brontford to a girl of the name of Maguire from Magheraboy - he is at the shoemaking in Brontford. Rebecca (Carrothers), Webster's husband died in Novem- ber she had no children she was well off during her life. Jane Trimble's Daughters is to come out early this season the will come to their uncles, Robert lives beside me. Please to send 4 sions off the Bakeing Apple and 4 off the wine Apple take them of short shoots of last years with a little old wood. Send me 4 of the scarlit Thorn. James Graham will show you them at my old Dwelling. Roll them in oild paper and tye them close. Send me a pint of spring veches and a dosen of Long pod Beans. Send these with Miss Trimble she will come to this place. We do not crop here until the leaf is on the trees. Send me a letter with Miss Trimble and let me know how my friends are and all my old accuaincances and how you are able to meet the requirements of Mr Porter. I and the fammily send our best love and respects to you and your wife and children. I remain
Dr Brother Yours affectionately

Joseph Carrothers.

To

Mr William Carrothers
Lisbellaw
Co. Fermanagh
Enniskillen
Ireland

<u>Postmarked</u>	London U.C.	Feb 20 1852
	Montreal L.C.	Feb 23 1852
	Enniskillen	Mr 18 1852

Westminster December the 5 1853

My dear brother I take up my pen after the lapse of a few years to write to you and many of my old friends and neighbours who seem to be anxious to know how I am and what I have been doing in America this information I have got in the letter you sent to Brother Josef from his son Paul in Australea and we were all glad to hear of him being on the land of the living and doing well; likewise to hear of your self and family at present thanks be to the giver of all goodnes for all his mercies to me and family; dear Sir I shall commence by restating some of my former statements that is shortly after my arrival in this Country I bought two half acre building lots in the town of London and likewise that I and brother Thomas bought two hundred acres of land in the township of Westminster; on my lots in the town I built two houses one to live in and a lesser one to rent this house rented at twelve pounds a year; nine years ago I thought I would go to the Country and improve my farm as there I intended to spend the better part of my life be my years many or few; so we removed to the Country there I have been cutting down timber and burning it in the clearing of the land as much as would make a man rich if it was in Ireland as you have heard so much about the clearing of the land in Canada that I need not trouble you with a description of it after a few years in the country I thought it better to sell the house that I lived in London and invest the price of it in buying more land and improving the farm that I live on; so I have bought 87 more acres 30 of it cleared and fenced this farm corners the one I live on; I have got 66 acres cleared on the farm that I live on which makes me owner of 187 acres of land with 96 acres improved free of any incumbrance as we have no rent Collectors coming half yearly to our door to annoy us no end to my lease; we pay a tax yearly which goes to the improvement of the roads my tax is this year 8 dollars or 2 pounds; I have got a good decent frame house decently finished and barn with other stabling for my cattle the barn is 50 feet long by 30 feet wide and 16 feet high in the side; in this I store my grain as it comes of the harvest field this saves a great deal of trouble in the stacking we trash our grain all trashed by machinery; the one most in esteem in this part of the country is a two horse tread machine the two horses that work the machine draw it right into the barn as our barn is so built that we

can drive right through with a span of horses and wagon with any load for the conveniency of storing the grain; the floor is in the center this mashene trashes and seperates the straw from the wheat and the wheat passes into the fanning mill and comes out clean fit for the mil or market this costs me four doulours per hundred bushel; and the will trash from 100 to 150 bushels per day; the dwelling house and barn I have ensured for two thousand dollours that being two thirds of the supposed vallue of them this amount I woud get if the were destroyed by fire; or suppose a part of them was destroyed I would be paid in proporsion to the amount of dammage done this costs me three dollours a year; I planted out a bout an acre with fruit trees such as apples pears plumes peaches cherries these all do as well in this country as I ever saw them them in Ireland if not better our verieteys are very good the trees groo quick and bear soon I have had about 60 bushel on mine this season I allso carry on a flour and vegible garden all of which do well in this country we have a great many kinds of both that woud not grow in Ireland; farm stock of all kinds do well in this country and is very healthey I have had none that died of bad health in nine years that I have been farming in Canada onley one pig and 2 sheep my flock of sheep number from 40 to 60 and pigs a bout 20 I keep a span of horses most-ley maires from these I raise foales this payes well as horses sell wel I keep also yolk of Bullockes these are the best on a new farm my stock of other Cettel are 12 in number. my heard is smal when compared with some of my neighbours we fat our pork on peas as we sow large fields of them I sold 22 hundred of pork last winter at 30 shillings per hundred and expectes to do the same this winter; we destroy a large quantity of flesh in this country as we can raise it and not under the nesesity to sell it for the rent there is nothing but kill slay and eate mutton beef and pork and fowls in any quantity as the do well and is easey raised; I went 16 miles after a pair of pea fowl these are scarce in this part of the country; our eighting and drinking are very good in this country when compaired to that of the farmers in Ireland; this is a fine country for growing wheat we have had an abundant crop this harvest we sow two kinds the one in the harvast that is in the fore part of september this we call fall wheat the other we sow in April or the fore part of May this we call spring wheat and it will be ripe in agust of these there are a great many verieteys; I plant a bout an acre of potatoes every year Chiefley of Cups and pink eyes this gives me an in-

crease of 3 or 4 hundred bushels there has been a failour in this country in the popatoe crop to some extent but I never had any I have as good potatoes this year as you ever had in farnaugh; this has been a very dry and warm summer hear; farming produce of all kinds sell well this fall wheat is worth one doulour to one and a quarter per bushel of 60 pounds and other grain in proporsion if prices would continue for a few years the farmers would be all rich here in a little time; you have hard so much about our summer heat and winter cold that I need say littel and that is that the are not near so intence as the are generely represented; this is a fine country for a man to live in an indousteres man that Cannot make out a good living hear need not go to the gold mines of Caleforna or Austrilea; there never was a better time for emegration here wages of all kinds is good mechanickes get from a doulour to one and a half a day; the are giving a doulour a day to all the labours on the great westren railroad which is maiking through this part of the Country it runs through London; London has become a large and fine place since we came to this Country there is a great many fine Churches, and merchant shops and whole sale ware houses all of breek; the land in this part of the country is very good I can raise as many potatoes as I wesh without any dung; the land is getting dear in this section of the Country it is worth from 20 to 30 doullours an acre and I would not take even that amount for mine; there is no chance for a poor man getting a farm in this neighbourhood he will have to go back to some of the new townships where he may get it from 2 to 5 doullours an acre; Dear Brother If you had onley plucked up courage and come to America a few years agoe and got a good farm in this part of the country before the land got dear you woud have had no cause to rue it and I ame sure your children woud ever bless the day that the came to Canady; I never was sorry for comming, but ever shall be that I spent so many of my dayes in Ireland many a wish the breakey ones gave that you were hear; the old shoemaker stands it wel and is making lots of money; Brother Josef seemed to be discontent when he came and to murmer after I know not what but as he has kept writing to you he has given you his opinion of this Country; suffice it for me to say that he never was as well at the tanhousewater and coud save money if he likes; wel now to make a long story short all my Brothers and friends are well and have bettered

their condishon by coming to america far beyont what it was posible for them to have done had the stoped in Ireland; with the exception that Gorge Carrothers is very ill and not expected to recover; Dear Brother I have often woumdred that you did not send me a letter I would have wroute to you often onley knowing that Josef kept writing to you and that he gave you all the neues that was needed with out me troubling you; I hope you will write me a letter and fill it with a brief account of how many of my old friends and neighbours and acquaintance are; and how the are doing in Ireland; if any of them shoud want any information about this Country and write to me I shall give it trully according to my knowlige of it give my bests respects to sister Eliza and husband and fameley; and to gorge Carrothers of foidragha and wife and fameley; to Noble Graham and to the Blackes and many more to numerous to mention as my sheet is full;

I remain trully

Nathaniel Carrothers

I forgot to mention that we had got six children 3 boyes and 3 girls the two eldest ar boyes and the next two are girls and the youngest is a girl we have had none that died nor none of them has had any sicknes we never lost an our of sleep with them yet I belive Children are fare more healthey in general than the are in Ireland gorge trimble and wife and sister have arrived here and are well; I hear Thomas Stuard has come to goddrige and that he left the wife behind him you will be pleased when you write to mention some pirtucalars conserning it; give my bests respects to Bessey and the Children and I remain your ever affecned brother

Nathaniel Carrothers

When you write direct your letter to London Canada West.

To

Mr William Carrothers
of Farnugh
near Lisbelaw
Countey Fermanaugh
Ireland

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Postmarked London U.C. DE 6 1853
Liverpool DE 26 1853

Westminster June 15th 1855

Dear Brother

I received your present the pamphlet with that of Mr Copelands I am happy to know you and family is all in good health, and this leaves me and the family in the same thank god for his mercies to us, I can inform you that all your Brothers and familys and cousins and families are all living and in good health I have wondered you did not answer my last letter, You will please to answer this letter and let me know how you are able to live and meet the rent and taxes, as the are stil high and wages high, let me know the changes in my old neighbours, let me know how John Black left his property and how the others are doing, let Margaret know if her cosin Rebecca Armstrong is living in Lisbellaw and how her uncle Wm McMullin is let me know how sister Montgomery and family is, and let me know how Sister Tirzah is.

Dawson Dane Heathers visited London in his tour through Canada raising money to support the reformation in Ireland he got 120 pounds in London I heard, I was in town soon after he arrived, his arrival not been made publick I had not the pleasure of seeing him he had good success In all the towns he visited he return on the 20th of this month for Ireland.

We had a more than usual cold winter and this month for so far is much colder than usual our Peach Trees are kild by the cold of last winter in this part of the country and to a great extent in the States I had six Bushel of Peaches last year I will not have a single fruit this year last summer was very warm but the winter was extreme cold. Our crops looks very promising at present, Winter wheat looks very fine. We have very good markets for all farm produce Wheat from 2 Dollars to 2½ pr. Bushel of 60 llbs a Dollar is 4 British shilling or 5 shillings Currancy Oats ½ Dollar to ½ Do and sixpence of 34 llbsto the Bushel puttatose the same as the Oats pr Bush. Butter from 8d to 10d pr llb Wool from 10d to 12d pr llb all other things proportionally Dear.

We had a visit from the Reverend Mr. Caughey an Irish man by Birth in London last winter he is called the Apostle of the Day he stoped better than two months he held services in the new Wesleyan Church a very spacious building, in the Gothick

Order of Arkitecture it cost upwards of six Thousand pounds, many were aded to the in the town and neighbourhood, and in this part of the country the flame was kindlid and some of the lost was found Among others Brother Sam has started again and Cosin David. Margaret, and William and James has been added to the number which makes our comforts more sweet, I had a letter in January 54 from Paul from Beechworth in Victoria Colony but none since, it is gratifying to me that I am retained in the breast of some of my old friends particularly Mr Copeland, I send my best respects to him and his Father and Mother, at his convenience I hope for more of his favours, please to let Mr Hugh Lunny know I am living and well let me know if he is alive, let me know if Mr Copeland got the Almanack I sent him in December last, I now close these few lines hoping you will remember me to all my old acquaintances, Margaret wishes to be remembered to Miss Armstrong, her Uncle William and Aunts she sends her love to them, we all join in sending our love to you and family

I remain Dear Brother your
affectanly,

Joseph Carrothers.

Postmarks London U.C.. JU 16 1855
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Westminster Township November 26 1856

Dear Brother

I once mor send you a few lines hoping the will find you and all the family in good health as the leave me and my family in-at present thanks be to the God of all our mercies. You brothers and all their families is well and so is your cousins and families and there is a yearly increase among them. My son William got married last year a Miss Willsie, her Father gave her eight Hundred Dollars, he has removed last month to the Township of Bosanquet 54 miles from this place Land being cheaper than here. Land is selling in this place from 40 to 50 Dollars pr Acre as it is improved, and some above that price.

Mr. Carrol and his amiable wife came to see us in this place. We have got a new Methodist Church

Built this past Summer. It is 40 feet long by 30 feet wide, it was opened for service last month. It is on David Carrothers Lot one quarter of a mile from my house. I was the mover of it. Last June was a year I started a subscription and it took good through all the name and two Mr. Willses that is members of the society that meet in it. I hope it will be of use. Methodism is popular in this country, but there is more hearers of the Word than Doers. In answer to this letter let me know how William McMullen and sister is and Miss Armstrong and my sisters families and my old friends.

I received a letter from Paul, he gave me to know he would be leaving Australia in this month he said he would come by England and that he would go to see his native country so you will have the pleasure of seeing him, first he said he would be here in March. The Rail Road is in full operation from London to New York and from London to Montreal a distance of 600 miles, this is the Grand Trunk Line opened last month for travel. You will give him to know this, when he arrives in London to go to Mr Strongs Hotell there he will see his old friend Mr Henry Strong, every Hotell Keep an Omnibus that attends the arrivale of every train. Mr James Oliver, Nathaniel's Brother in Law, Mr. John Doyle married to another, and Mr Robert Keneday that is married to their mother all will be glad to see you and will send me word of your arrival. Let him know also there is a Mr James Armstrong from this part gone to Ireland (Nath. and his wife is well acquaint with him, I have seen him) he is the Lawfull Heir of Mr Harry Armstrong's property (Latin). He will be returning in March. He might be with him to London. This season has been remarkable fine, very little rain has fallen up to this since the fall. Wheat dose not look so strong as other seasons.

Please to let Mr Hugh Lunny of Cloon know I am living and I hope he is so too. Remember me to all my old acquaintances as you see them

Brother Thomas seen James Stuart in London last month he said the were all well at Godderich, he did not come to see us and I have not any more to say of them. All farm produce is on good demand and good price.

Please to give my best respects to Mr James Copeland and his family. If you can, let me know what part of America Mr Ralph Copeland is living in. If spared I will write to you before March next as

I want to get some things with Paul if he arrives safe to you.

No more at present but remains

Your affectionate Brother
Joseph Carrothers.

To

Mr William Carrothers,
Lisbellaw
Co. Fermanagh
Enniskillen
Ireland.

Postmarked London Nov 27 1856
Hamilton Nov 27 1856
Enniskillen Dec 16 1856

August 18th 1857

Dear Brother,

I hope you excuse me for not answering your letter of April last, the reason was I hoped to have got some word from Paul in June or July as I used to get but to the present no word from him. I fear something has befallen him. I have not wrote to him as he bid me not to write to him as he would be on his journey before my letter would reach him.

Dear Brother I feel thankfull that you and your family is spared life and health and hope these few lines will find you in the same as the leave me and family thank God the giver of all Blessings.

Your Brothers and their families are all well at present and so is your cosins and families. Brother Thomas had a little girl died in March last of six years old of Consumption. I see by your last letter there is many of my old acquaintances remove to there long home while we are in mercy spared, it is cause of thankfulness. I have been engaged this summer puting Pews in our New Preaching House which we call Victoria Chappel, it is within 100 yds of my House and I have to say the name has been the principals in its erection, I hope many of them will benefit by it. We have got our harvest over, that is the Fall wheat harvest and the Spring will commence in three or four days. Every kind of crop is very abundant. The spring was a little late by reason of wet weather and the summer has been

somewhat wet but the crop is great in all its variety. Markets is fallen low beside what the were last year, and stock is fallen. Land is fallen, the speculators in Land purchase many of them is much disappointed those that was byin on borrowed money for money rose from 15 to 30 pr cent which made some leave this province and go across the line as the journey is not far and rail road travel is speedy. Business has been somewhat dull this summer and wages not so high as the have been these last three year owing to the rail Road work been completed in this part and the town of London has out grown its Trade.

You will please to answer this letter and let me know if you are all well, and let me know of how Miss Rebecca Armstrong is as she will not write herself. Let me know how William McMullin and sisters is. Let me know how Sister Eliza and family is and sister Tirzah if she is living and well. Let me know of all the changes that has taken place in my old acquaintance.

As soon as I get word from Paul I will let you know it. I believe I have nothing more to write to you.

I remain Dear Brother Yours
Affectionately
Joseph Carrothers.

To
Mr William Carrothers
Lisbellaw
Enniskillen
Ireland

Postmarked London, Canada Aug 19 1857
Hamilton C.W. Aug 20 1857
America Paid, Dublin Sep. 6 1857
Enniskillen Sep 7 57.

.February 15th 1858

Dear Brother,

I send you a few lines hoping the will find you and family in good health as the leave me and family in at present thanks be to God for all his

loving mercies to us. Your Brothers and families are all well in health and so are all your cosins and families. I must mention them by wholesail for there are a numerous progeny. In a few weeks they will come up to 90 in name and number. Dear Br. I have got no word from Paul this last year, the last letter he said he would leave Australia, I am hoping to be spared to see him. My son Wm. lives about 50 miles from this place, he was seeing us six weeks this day, is well and wife and child. I am sorry I have to let you know of the Death of John Doyle, he Died in October last, a man much regretted by all that Knew him, and that was a vast number, for he was Town Clerke and was allowed the best in the Province, it was worth very near 300 pounds pr. year, he had a great deal of writing to do, for the Town Council sat every Day. We had a very mild winter untill last week we got snow and the slays is in full run now. Our markets is very cheap, best fall wheat 3S pr Bishels of 60 pounds, Oats from 8d to 10d pr. Bl. of 34 pounds, Beef from 16S to 20S pr Ht. of 100 pounds, Pork from 18S to 22S pr. Do. I give the price in your money as you will understand it better. Stock of all kinds is more than one third in price cheaper than last year and so is land. Many has run to ruin by speculation in Land where they had to Borrow money, hire as they call it here went as far as 30 pr. cent and in some cases above it which caused some to cross the line, which they can do in a few hours by Rail Road. We have got to of Mr Gregston's sons (formerly Printer in Enniskillen) to London. There Mothr lives in Brooksborrow, and a Mr Scott who is married to a Daughter of James Scott tanner of Enniskillen. They are in partnership, they are very well liked. One of the Mr Gregstons is gone to England for goods. You can let the Lunnys of Cloon know I am alive and Mr Jas. Copeland as they have an Interest in my existence. Let me know if they build the Church in Mulrod and pull Down the old one. Let me know if my sisters are living and well, and their families. You will remember Margret and I to Wm McMullen and his sister and let us know if they are well, and to Miss Rebecca Armstrong. Let us know how she lives, or is her in Lisbellaw. Remember me to Thomas Lindsay, I am glad to hear of his well doing. Remember us to Wm Betty and all our Tamlaght old neighbours. You will ask Mr Jonny Clegg if he gets any word from his Uncle James if he mentions Paul in them. Let me know how the Mr Blacks is doing and all my old friends. I heard the Johnstons was left Tamlagh, let me know whether or not. Let me know who is in Mr Halls place

in Derrybrusk and if Mr Lloyd is living in Drumard. Who is in my old House. Dear Brother, you will answer this letter as soon as it comes to hand and let me know the several things I have asked of you. You will excuse me for troubling you in such a way, I am so glad to hear from my old country. Let me know how the Bettys of Farnamulln is, how John is doing. I must give up asking any more off you and conclude

Dear Brother I remain affectionately
Yours etc. etc. etc.

Joseph Carrothers.

To

Mr Wm Carrothers
Lisbellaw
Co Fermanagh
Enniskillen
Ireland

Postmarked (London) Feb. 17 1858
C.W.

Hamilton U.C. Fe. 18 1858

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Westminster June 15th 1858

Dear brother as an oportunitiey has offred its self of sendind you a few lines by hand and a few small presents withe the bearer to you and fameley in the way of keepsakes to keep you and them in mind that such a person once lived and still Does live thank god for all his mercies to me, these few lines leaves me and fameley in good health hopping that the may find you and fameley in the same. All your brothers are wel, and your Cousens allso; as I hav given you my opion of this Country and my prospects in it allready it leaves me very little to say in this epistol. I send you an essey or pamphlet wrote by Mr Hogan; that will give you or any one desirous of informasion of this Country information that can be relied on as correct; allso the bearer of this letter can give you all the information a bout me and fameley that you may desire - the bearer of this is Mr James Oliver

my sister in law Elizaes husbant, who is going to Ireland for the good of his health he is a man that is well of in this Country, and well respected he will call to see you and John Kirkpatrick if his health permits; and if he should stop a Day or two with you any kindness you show him for my sake shall be remembered by me for he is Deserving of it. I would have wrote you a letter with Mr Gregston but he went a way sooner than I thought he told me that he called and saw you and that you and family were well. Josef sent you a letter since and has got no answer; he is very uneasy to hear something of Paul, the past month has been the wettest that I have seen since I come to America; the past year has been a year of much difficulty with many of the merchants in America Causing many failures, farming produce sell for the one half that it did last year give my best respects to all my old neighbours that is yet alive; also to George Carrothers and family. You will be pleased to send me a letter giving me a full account of all my old neighbours that is worth retailing; Margaret and I join in love to you and Bessey and Children also to sister Eliza and husband and family.

Yours truly
Nathaniel Carrothers.

I send with the bearer my likeness and Margrets and that of my oldest daughter taken the day Mr Olfier leaves London You will excuse the scribble as it is Done in haste as I did not write it till I went into London no more at present but remain

Yours
Nathaniel Carrothers

Postmarked Lisnaskea Jy 15 1858 E
Enniskillen M Jy 16 58

January 4th 1860

Dear Brother,

I am spared through another year all in good health thank God for all his mercies to us and I hope these few lines will find you and family in good health as they leave me and mine at present, we are

now in our winter snow this three weeks but the last week of Last month was a cold week the Thermometer from 5° to 10° below Zero. Saturday last very many got themselves frozen some feet some fingers some ears and some noses it is not very bad if you notice it in time and rub it with snow until you bring out the frost, if in the feet off with the Boots and hose and run through the snow, if not it becomes like a burn or scald the skin comes off and it dose be long healing. Since September 1858 we have had frost in every month since, summer and Winter. The June frost left without fruit, it kild Apples, Plumbs, Peaches, Cherries, Vines, and the others small fruit. The Puttatoe was kild one Inch under the ground, but the 4 of July we had a frost such as wass not known before. It kiled all the fall wheat that was shot out of the blade. Some mowed it down at the time others let it stand to ripen the straw but no grain never grew after. Clover and other grass was not ingered, but after all we have aplinty. The spring wheat was very good. Peas, and oats and Puttatoe were very good. I think I have as good Crops as ever I eat. There is more vegetable crop raised now than was some years past such as Turnips, Beets, Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbages and all Garden vegetables which grow to perfection. Our Country man George Laird Died on the 6th of October last he had 4 hundred pounds of money to Bequeath to his Children. He left his son Robert Laird 50 pounds Currancy. He was living with Mark Carrothers these last two years on his Board. I have got no letter from Paul these last three years, let me know if James Clegg sends any letters if he would mention him in any of them. Let me know if it is James and Acheson Black and I that is the Lives of Mr James Copelands Lease. Let the Lunnys of Cloon know I am living and well and let me know if the are living in it. Let the Glasmullagh family know that Margaret and I are well and let me know how the are. Remember us to Miss Armstrong and let us know how she is geting on if married. Your Brothers and Cosins and their families are all well, the are all heads of large families. Last night David had his 5 son Born, that is 5 sons and 5 daughters. My son William has two, son and daughter, he is well. We get no word from the Stuarts how the are Doing, the do not be down here and I cannot say anything of them.

This country has suffered very much this last year by Speculators men that run into debt bying property and Borrowing money to pay for it,

until money rose from 8 pr cent to it went in some instances to 25 and some above 30 such was the ambition of some there was Farms sold two years agoe and the would not sell for the half now. Purchaseing Ground and building in London was carried to such an extent that nothing could equal it, their Tenants is gone and the houses not worth the Corporation tax, and worse left others in bail for them and the property not worth the ground rent. There was a man went off three weeks agoe and he has left his Bailsmen in large sums of Debt which will put them down. He left them near 100 Thousand pounds to settle with the banks. Such men has been the ruin of the country, but the country will be rid of them very soon and things will come to a balance.

I hope Dear Willy you will answer this letter and let me know of all my old neighbours. If there is any seed on the Marchmallows that is good, and on the Queens-cups send me a few grains in the letter, rub a little starch on the paper in the crase of it and the will stick to it, five or six grains of each.

Remember me to all my old friends

I remain Dear Brother Yours
affectionally

Joseph Carrothers.

To

Mr William Carrothers
Lisbellaw
Co Fermanagh
Enniskillen
Ireland

<u>Postmarked</u>	London U.C.	Ja 5 1860
	Hamilton C.W.	Ja 6 1860 A
	Dublin 1A	Ja 23 1860
	Lisbellaw	Ja 24 60

October 10th 1862

Dear Brother Wm.

Excuse me for not answering your letter in the proper time, I write these few lines to let you know we are all living and well and I hope the will find you and all the family in the same thank God for all his mercies to us. We expected the troubles with our

neighbours would terminated before this time, but it seems at a distance yet, it would give us better markets particularly for our stock which we have in abundance of every kind. The war with the South prevents the trade with them. Farm produce and grain has been in good demand til of late, grain is fallen, wheat from 65 cents to 72 per Bishel, peas 46 to 48 cents pr Bu. Butter from 10 to 12 cents pr. pound. Apples from 12 to 25 cents pr. Bushel, all other produce equally cheap. You wish to know what I think of America. It is a place of Hard labour both summer and winter. Summer is the worst but wages is good and so is the Board and a steady man will make money. Clear farms of 100 acres in this place dose sell from three to four Thousand Dollars. The wild Land is from one Dollar to Two Dollars pr Acre that is Goverment Land. Nathaniel thinks the Boys could do well by coming to this country, it is healthy. Some men speak favourably of the climate of Australia who has been in it from this country. As for Carpenters there is plenty of them such as the are, and the get good exploiment. There is some very excellent workmen, there is a great dale of work done in Factories such as planing stuff, making Doors and sashes but it is not to be compared to work by hand. If the Boys should go to Australia, if Paul is yet alive he worked at the mines, him and his partners the last account I had from him his Address is P. Carrothers Oven's Mines Diggins, he did stop with a Mr Kensington, he kept a station house. You will please to let me know as coon as this comes to hand what the are decided on doing. Please to give my best thanks to Mr J. Copeland and family. I see the have not for got me the tokens of ther kindness came safe to hand which is a treat I think a great deal of.

Please let me know if Wm McMullin is living. Let me know if Mr Hall is living in Derrybrusk, and if Mr Paul Dane is living in Killyhevlin.

Brothers Samuel, Nathaniel and Thomas and families are all well so is Cosins Mark, David and Micael and families and so is the Cosins from Bracy all living but George and the Carrothers are a strong party. Please give my love to all my old friends. My son Wm. is well has four children two Boys and two Girls. James is still with me, he is a Hard Worker.

Dear Erother I cannot think at present of any thing that would be worth writing to you, but

what I have said, so I send my love to you and your partner in this life and your family

Yours affectionately
Joseph Carrothers.

<u>Postmarked</u>	London PM	Oc. 11	62
	C.W.		
	Hamilton U.C.	Oc. 13	1862
	Lisbellaw M	Oc. 25	62
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Westminster March the 20th 1863.

Dear friends your letter of the 18th of February was in London on the 7th of March but I did not get it to the 18th there being none of us in the City. I was glad to hear you and other of my friends were well as this leaves me and all friends hear thank God for all mercies. You ask me is there any choise time in coming and I say any time after the first of May as for which way I cant say which of them would be the best. The greater number of those that went home last year went and came by Quebeck and I heard no complaints. As for what you should bring with use I say bring nothing onley what is for your own use for it would not pay. As for your Carpenters tools bring all that you have that is good and buy none you might by a few extra plain irens and a few good hansaw fiels, as you can get any tools you woud want hear a great deal better - all kinds of clothing are cheaper with use than hear and a decent supply of them will be of use to use; as for seed if you Cultivate any of the spring verieties of wheat you might bring a little sample of some of the choise kinds, a little bear barley and a littele of anything new. As for flowers we have nearly all the kinds that I ever new in Ireland and a great many more so that you need not bother your self with any; as for potates if you have got any choise kinds you might bring 6 or 7 of them; these you can put in the chest with your tools, you need not bring either the white rockes or the bloomers for I have had them and think them a worthles variety hear. Mr James Armstrong of latin was over three years agoe and brought them over and he let me have some of them. You might bring me A dosen of dinner knives and the same nimber of forke

with carving knife and fork of a decent quality; these you can put in the chest with your tools; as for the making of that dress for your aunt you can bring her 12 yards of the 3s-9d per yard as we think it the best, this you can put in the leg of your trousers, that is some of those that will be folded in your chest or some other place that you may think more safe; as this article is liable to pay duty. When I wrote my last I had a mind to have troubled you with other things but I have altered my mind. When I come to this country we had some things that was liable to have paid duty for the never searched any of our chests. When we came to quarantine one of the revenue officers came along and asked us to unlock our chests, so we did, he merely lifted the lid asking what we had in them and he never removed any of the things. As our winters is much colder than yours you had better bring each of you a good over coat of white cloth not broad cloth. Light summer cloths are easier bought here than winter. My son Josef wants you to bring him out a watch let the price be as near £3 pound as you can get a good one for. I bought a new one for £3 when I come to this country and it is a good watch yet, this you can bring without any risk as one of use can wear it on your person, all this expense I will pay you for when you come here. I remain your Uncle

Nathaniel Carrothers.

I will send you a copy of this letter next week least this might not come to hand and you be kept in suspense or waiting for an answer, and you will be pleased to write me as soon as you are ready to start for this country letting me know the way that you are coming that we may know when to expect you.

December 15th 1865

Dear Brother Wm.

I have received your letter of the 13th November with great pleasure to hear you and your family are all well as these few lines leaves me and family at present, thank God for his goodness.

In answer to this letter let me know the Flowers that took the prizes that your son Wm got at the show and the vegetable roots and where you have Built the greenhouse. I have a few seeds I will send (if spared) before spring. If you can procure the seed of the Spruce Fir and the Silver Fir the are very fine for shelter and Ornament. The sell very dear in the Nurseries, half a dollar each tree that is 2 shillings British.

Marks sister Beck died in May last, Nathaniels second son Joseph is in bad health this last year it is a nervous complaint. All your brothers and Families are well. Cosins are well and there families. The Bracky men and the old shoemaker is well. We have had a very dry summer and fall. Water has been very bad and very scarce, very many of the wells is dry from 40 to 60 feet deep and now we have a hard Frost and Dry and many has to draw water two and some 3 miles. My son and family is well has 6 children 4 Boys and 2 Girls. James is well is unmarried and of course lives with us, I cannot promise to send Liknesses to Bessy, I do not like such foolish things there only for Young people.

Give my best respects to Mr James Copeland, I thank him most kindly for the Newspapers he sent me. I hope it will be his convenience to send me now and again others of the Illustrated News. You said you wanted a letter from me before you would Buy Cloon, I suppose you wanted to know if I am living, I have to let you know I am living and writeing these lines to you. I have good health and I am able to work well, but how long God only knows. You will please to answer this letter and let me know if you make a bargin about Cloon. Remember me to all my old accuantances

I remain Dear Brother
Joseph Carrothers.

Westminster January the 29th 1866

Dear brother

I once again take up my pen to write to you hoping that these few lines may find you and famely in good health as the lave me and famely at present thank god for all his goodnes; with the ecception of my second son Josephf who has been in a state of bad health for two years and dont seem to get beter

it is a liver and stomack complaint that eals him, he has tried three docters and none of them seem to do him any good. Last spring we got every thing ready to send him to Ireland for two or three months in the summer, and when we told the doctor who is a Scochman he would not hear of it; he would not hear of it; he said the climate in Ireland was to cold and damp for his complaint and that it was sure to make him worse but he advised us to send him north on our freshwater lakes avoiage; so we sent him; he was a way two months and felt better when a way but since he has come home I see no improvement in him. I see by your letter to Joseph that times is better with youes, and that youes are all hard at work to make money for your land lords; this is all write so long as your famely stick to gether and is content. This has been a very dry summer hear and the winter so far very mild; we have had hardly any snow yet; the prices for every thing has been unusly dear, the farmers will make well this year as the have not to hand their hard earnings to the Landlord as with youes. I have sent youes som newes papers so that you might have some Idea of the kind of aniabes that we raise; such as was shown at our Chrismas market. The pro-vendisial fair was held in London this year and was a large one it lasted five dayes; and as many as forty thousand visited the grounds some dayes. James Stewart and two of Edwards boyes came down to the fair and made us a visit. We had a young man & Mr Armstrong son to Willey of the woods who came to see this country make us a visit last winter, he stopt a week with me, he coud tel me a good dale about my old friends and accouaintance a bought Greenhil, and he liked this country so well that the whole famely has come out this harvest, they have bought a farm of two hundred acres with a good breck house and other suitible buildings on it for seven thousant Dollars. I went to see them after the came the distance of 16 miels and we had jouvel time of it. The were stoping at the house of my old friend and acquaintance Mr James Armstrong of Latin, the are all delighted with this country. I have bought since I last wroute to you two hundred more acres of land for John and Joseph my two eldest sones, there is one of them 75 acres cleared and on the other 50 acres. John is married and is living on his, the other I have rented to a man at 100 Dolars a year. The cost four thousand dolars which is semething more than eight hundred of your

pounds; so I have got 100 acres for each of my sones so that may liv comfertible with out toiling all their dayes to make the rent. I have been talking to a good many that lives on rented farms hear and the say that the woud rather live on one in this country than there; ther is a scoch man living on a rented farm near me and he has saved as much money as has bought him self a farm last year; I have been thinking had you come to this country when you were thinking of it with such a famely of sons how wel of you woud have been and how well it woud have been for them besides toiling all their dayes in Ireland. If you woud send one of the boyes out to this country to see their friends and the country how the woud like it before the go renting a farm there and be not likin to live here and wishing to return, I will pay his passage home a gain and I am shure he wil be much the wiser after it; I have had strong nosions of going back to see the old country and you in times that are past, put I suppose that I never shal now. There has been deaths and mariges a mong the friends hear since I wrout last. Brother Thomas has heried his wife and is married a gain to a scoch woman, but I supose Brother Joseph has sent you al perticulars; we had a visit from Polwel gaham he was going from the easteren part of this provence to the westren to see his brother. You mentioned nothing about the fenians in Ireland in your letter to brother J but I see by the nwes-papers that you have trouble some times of it. The have large meetings in the states and make boistring speeches how the will invade Ireland and free it from british rule and make it a republick of their owen, the allso talk about taking Canada. Ther has been some feer that the woud cros the lines this winter and rob and plunder and carry what the coud a way with them, but I think the poor devils is putting their time and money to a bad use as the never will be able to do either; the thing that is causing the greates excitement in this part of the country is the discovery of oil which is under the earth in large quantiteys in this part of Canada which is going to become a sourse of welth as great as the gold miens of California or Austrila; there has been hundreds who has made a fortune of it the last year: this oil is caled rock oil and is got by boring a hole into the earth to the come to the rock which is from 40 to 50 feet and into the rock three or four hundred feet to the come to the oil and when the strike a good vain the oil will rise to the surface and flow over and run away; there is hundreds of such wells and hundreds of them sinking this winter some of them yeilding 300 barrels a day it is

worth 10 dollars a barrel there is several wels
sinking in and neare Londond; write me a letter
as soon as you get this and let me know all you
can about my old friends and neibours and rememer
me to all enquiring friends and neibours; and
wife and all the children and I remain

Nathaniel Carrothers.

March the 22th 1867

Dear Brother .

I write these few lines to you hoping the
will find you and famely in good health as the
leave me and mine at present thank god for all
his mercies to us. I wrote you a long letter in
January 1866 giving you all pirtuculars and my
doughter Elizah Jane sent hur and hur sisters
potograph to youes and I requested anser from you
with all the newes that you coud put in it, but
up to the present I have go no anser to it, and
Brother Joseph sent you one last spring and you
never have ansered it neither; as I have sent you
a great many long epistols about that country I
wil say littel in this one: as we can have the
newes of the day by the antlick Cable in the course
of a few houres; I have nothing in pirtuclar to
mencion since I last wrout to you except the death
of my second son Joseph who died on the 15th of
August last Aged 25 years; he was in bad health
for the last two years of which I gave you anacount
of in my last letter and I sent you a newes paper
in which his death was mencined the same week that
he died. He died very sudden alltho he had been
complaining for along time, his health seemed as
good as yousial up to that morning and was in the
act of dresing him self when he drapt or fainted
over and died in about 15 minites; he was a very
healthy boy till he was between 22 and 23 years of
ago and stout. When he began to complain and his
strenth fail he never kept his bed a day: Brother
Joseph has moved a way from hear, his son James
has bought a farm in the same township that his
son William had settled in and close by and James
was determed to go on it last spring so the all
moved to it; and I had a letter from him last

week and the were all well and he said his health was very good; all the friend hear are well at present; this has been a very mild winter hear some thing like an Irish winter the Country is very prousperious at present only we are anoyed by the fenians in the united states treatning to invade us, but if the come the will soon have to go back again as the had last spring with their numer well thined, as we are all loyel hear the will get no aid or assistance on the soil of Canada. The have no simpothisers hear, the roman Cathelickes hear are all loyal and our volintears are made up with agreat many of them. The Cathelickes hear are quite different from what the are in Ireland the are happy and content under the british Crown; but I see the have been making a considerle rising with youes this month and the have ben eisly put down; I have sent you some newes papers during the last year in you see the market price of things in this country; and you have done so likewise for which I feel thankful. I got the Enniskillen paper with the account of your herticular show in it and was glad to see that youes took so many of the prises. I got the paper with the account of the loyal meeting in Enniskillen in it and was glad to see that it was so wel attended: I allso got a good dale of the local newes about Lisbellaw and its neighebroud from the Carrols who came out last spring. There is one of them living with me, the came a crose the ocien in 10 daye, the are all well: last summer was the wetest that I have seen in this country. In some pars of it the harvest was ingured on account of the wet, put in this seccion we had a good crop and got it wel saved mine was a god one; and stock of all kinds sold well: I want you or some of the boyes to write me a long letter with the account of all the friend and neighbours that you can think of: there has been no deaths among the friends of mine on any side but that of Joseph since I last wrote to Yo William Gregston has gon Cresy and is in assilom; give my best.rispects to all my frends and old neibours. Margaret and I sends our bests respects to you and Bessy and all the fameley and I reman

Yours Nathaniel Carrothers

Bosanquet March 8th 1870

Dear Brother Willy,

I send you a few lines to let you know I am

living and well hoping you and the family are in the same good health Thanks be to God for his many-fold blessings. We have lost one of the old Farnaghts, Mark Died on the 16th of January and left a wife and 8 children to lament his loss, for the will feel his loss. The were in comfortable circumstances. I had word from Brothers last week there are all well and so is the old Breakeys, the are wearing out well, Anne is stil dodging about. My son William and family is well, James has got married last November to a Miss Fitchet a fine clever girl of Canadian family, we all live together as yet. I have been very busy all the summer chiefly at looms and sasher. I have made Gothick sashes for several churches since I came up here. Slays in Winter when the snow comes, and we have a good long winter this year and is likely to continue this month. I am making Dimond Harrows for spring, no day goes better with me than the day I am at work at the bench and I work steady. The people wonder that I work as I do being the age I am in the seventy-seventh year of my age. What plants you sent me in spring last I had very bad sucksess in them the were all dried up only the carnation, you rolled them in dry fine paper, you should Oiled the paper. James and I got 8 premiums last Octr at the Township Show, One pair of sasher (Gothick) one Dimond Harrow and the other six for Flower and Vegetables. I will send you a few seeds in this packet.

Dear Brother

You will oblidge me by sending me (perhaps the last time) if convenient the following plants, the Double Polyanthus, Double Primrose, Varigated Thyme, PepperMint, Double Carnation Pink, and if you can get it without troouble send me a plant of the Large Strawberry (Ma.....) I intend to send you a plant of the Bleeding Hart on, Deletrie Spic-tabella Botanical name, but I cannot get it until the frost is thawed out. In packing the roots fill a piece of tough paper with oil, Hogs grease will do, put a few sprigs of Damp moss and roll them up tight, and strong paper over all to Bear the Address which is Joseph Carrothers, Bosancuet, Widder Station P.O. Ont. British America.

Please remember me to Mr James Copeland of Lisbellaw, I hope he is living and well and all the family relations. Let my old accuain-tance know that I am living and well yet I suppose

a great many of them are no more.

You will be particular to answer this letter and let me know how you are getting on in your family and family affairs. I hope the troubles in other part of Ireland dose not interfere with the peace of your part to, papers give account of bad work going on in some parts of it.

No more at present from your

Affectionate Brother
Josep Carrothers.

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